

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Roderick Jones, John Lor, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert and David Klinkhammer.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding 1) City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic; and 2) The City Wells.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, July 27, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon, LLC to conduct the Eau Claire Marathon on Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26, 2021 beginning in Phoenix Park and along city streets, sidewalks, and trails.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2021-2023 licensing period.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class B Cabaret licensed premise of Gruen's Hobbsys, LLC, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, to include a fenced-in area for a two-day Class Reunion, August 6 & 7, 2021.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, August 3, 2021, as National Night Out in the City of Eau Claire, and calling upon all residents to attend the 27th Annual Kick Off event in Carson Park in support of the Night Out On Crime.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for State funding from the Critical Infrastructure Microgrid and Community Resilience Center Pilot Grant Program at the Water Treatment Plant. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TIMBER BLUFF II

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Timber Bluff II Phase I at Old Town Hall Road and Graff Road (File P-3-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Wurzer Builders, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Timber Bluff II. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CONDOMINIUM PLAT

Council Member Klinkhammer recused himself.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final condominium plat first addendum for The Ridges Condominium Plat 2 at Gables Place (File P-7-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Jones, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Abstained: Council Member Klinkhammer.

Council Member Klinkhammer returned.

EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of defederalized funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund approved by the EDA on June 30, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ENCROACHMENT

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent encroachment at 400 Eau Claire Street for a geothermal system, sculpture placement, signage, handrail and stairwell structure, and outdoor seating in the 400 block of Eau Claire Street related to the Library Renovations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY TRANSIT TRANSFER CENTER REVITALIZATION

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-47, Chippewa Valley Transit Transfer Center Revitalization – Phase I. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at the west end of Losan Avenue from I-2 to R-2P & R-3P to adopt the general development plan with reduction in the front yard setback for twin homes development (Z-1696-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 809 W. Clairemont Avenue from C-3H to C-3MX and to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a mixed-use development (Z-1697-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance amending the general development plan for twin homes and twin duplexes at a 25-foot front yard setback instead of the required 30-foot for R-2P zoning for a property located at the end of Christopher Drive (Z-1305-04 Amd). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to postpone” to the August 23 & 24, 2021 City Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking Prohibited” and Table IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Parking During Specified Hours.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TRUCK TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 10.48 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Truck Traffic Regulations.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 5.28 entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located north of Folsom Court, west of I-94, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-5A (Brownell Annexation, Petition #14420).

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council had first reading on a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire (Ward 86).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: July 27, 2021

Time: 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk